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REACTION VESSEL FOR  
PROCESSING A  
BIOLOGICAL SAMPLE  
CONTAINED IN A LIQUID

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RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 11, 2009, Applicants respectfully request entry and consideration of the following amendments and remarks. A Request for a Three Month Extension of Time is filed herewith.

Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.